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HER Majesty came this Day to the House of Peers; and being in Her Royal Robes seated on the Throne, with the usual Solemnity, Mr. Aston, Deputy Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a Message from Her Majesty to the House of Commons, requiring their Attendance in the House of Peers. The Commons being come thither accordingly, Her Majesty was pleased to give the Royal Assent to

An Act for granting an Aid to Her Majesty, by a Land-Tax, to be raised in the Year One thousand seven hundred and six.

An Act to Repeal several Clauses in the Statute made in the Third and Fourth Years of Her present Majesty's Reign, for Securing the Kingdom of England *from several Acts lately passed in the Parliament of* Scotland.

An Act for the Naturalization of the most Excellent Princess Sophia, *Electress and Dutchess Dowager of* Hanover, *and the Issue of Her Body.*

And to Three private Acts.

After which Her Majesty made a most Gracious Speech to both Houses, which follows.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

THE Unanimity of your Proceedings in this Parliament, has already had so good an Effect all over Europe, *that I can't but take Notice of it to you with great Satisfaction.*

The good Disposition you have shewn in doing your Part, so fully towards an Union with Scotland, *is also very Acceptable to Me, and I hope it will prove for the Advantage and Quiet of both Kingdoms.*

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I must not Omit to take this Occasion of returning you My hearty Thanks, for the great Dispatch of this Seasonable Supply, which you have given Me: I look upon it as a sure Pledge, That the same Zeal and Affection for My Service, and the good of the Kingdom, will carry you through all the necessary Parts of the Publick Business in this Session.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

In case you now think of some Recess, as is usual at this Season, I make no doubt you will afterwards return with the same good Disposition, to give all possible Dispatch to the Publick Affairs still depending, and bring this Session of Parliament to a happy Conclusion.

By the QUEEN,

A PROCLAMATION.

ANNE R.

WHereas it is Our Royal Intention to give all due Encouragement to all such Seamen and Able-Bodied Landmen, who shall voluntarily Enter themselves in Our Service, and Remain on Board Our Ships of War in Our Royal Navy, We have thought fit (by and with the Advice of Our Privy-Council) to Publish this Our Royal Proclamation; And We do hereby Promise and Declare, That all such Seamen and Able-Bodied Landmen (not above the Age of Fifty five Years, and not under the Age of Sixteen Years) who, on or between the Twentieth Day of this Instant December, *and the Eleventh Day of* February *next, shall Voluntarily Enter themselves in Our Service, either with the Officers of Our Ships of War, Fire-Ships or Bomb-Vessels, (Tenders only excepted,) who are or before that time shall be in Sea-Pay, or with any Justice of the Peace, or Chief Magistrate of any Town, or with any Vice-Admiral, or other Commission-Officer, to Serve on Board any of Our said Ships or Vessels, shall Receive as Our Free Gift and Royal Bounty, the respective Rewards and Allowances following; That is to say, Every such Seaman Two Months Pay, and every such Able-Bodied Landman One Months Pay, to be paid to them respectively by the Principal Officers and Commissioners of Our Navy, before the respective Ships, on which they shall be, do Proceed to Sea. And We do hereby Require and Direct, That if any such Seaman, or Able-Bodied Landman, shall, within the Time before-mentioned, Enter himself with any Justice of the Peace, or Chief Magistrate of any Town, or with any Vice-Admiral, or other Commission-Officer, to Serve on Board any of Our Ships of War, or other Vessels before-mentioned, such Justice of the Peace, or Chief Magistrate, Vice-Admiral, or other Commission-Officer respectively, shall give to each Man so Entring, a Certificate under his Hand and Seal, without Fee or Reward, of his Entry, and the Time of such Entry, and for what Ship, and shall thereby limit such a Number of Days (not exceeding Fourteen Days) as may be necessary for his repairing on Board such Ship, or any other Ship or Bomb-Vessel on Our Service, at the next Port. And We do hereby Declare, That all such Seamen, and Able-Bodied Landmen, who within the Time aforesaid, shall Enter themselves, as aforesaid, and within the Time Limited and Appointed in such Certificate, Repair on Board any of Our said Ships or Tenders appointed to Receive them, (according to their respective Qualifications aforesaid, and not otherwise) shall be Entituled to Our Royal Bounty herein before-appointed, and intended for them respectively, and their Pay from the Time of their first Entring with such Justice of the Peace or other Officer, as aforesaid; And that they, and also such who shall so Enter themselves within Twelve Days after the Tenth of* February *next, shall be allowed Time (without Molestation) to render themselves on Board Our Ships of War: And therefore We do hereby Require and Command all Captains Commanding any of Our Ships of War, or other Our Ships aforesaid, and all other Persons whatsoever, Authorized or Impowered to Impress Mariners for Our Service, That they do not Impress any such Seamen, or Able-Bodied Landmen, to whom such Certificate, as aforesaid, shall be given, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Our Royal Proclamation, or any Men now in Our Service, who by Tickets Signed by any of Our Flag-Officers, have or shall have Leave to be Absent from their Duty to the said Eleventh Day of* February *next, before they shall fail to Enter themselves on Board such of Our said Ships or Vessels, on which they shall Enter themselves to Serve, or to which they shall Belong, according to the Time limited by such Certificates or Tickets; nor any Person or Persons Protected or Imployed in the River or on the Coasts, by the Commissioners of Our Navy, Ordnance, Victualling, Customs or Transportation, or the Watermen in Our Service, or the Service of Our Most Dear Consort. And to the end We may be truly informed what Persons shall so Enter and Render themselves to Serve on Board Our Fleet, in pursuance of this Our Royal Proclamation, We do hereby Require and Command Our respective Captains Commanding any of Our said Ships of War, or other Our Ships or Vessels aforesaid, and also all Justices of the Peace, Chief Magistrates, Vice-Admirals, and other Commission Officers aforesaid, respectively, to Transmit to the Principal Officers and Commissioners of Our Navy exact Lists and Accounts of the Names, Ages and Descriptions of the Persons who Voluntarily shall Enter themselves with them, and the Time when,*

when, and Place where, and for what Ship, and of the Time which shall be allowed them respectively for Rendring themselves on Board, and of the Time of their respective Repairing on Board any of Our said Ships. And We do hereby Command and Require the said Seamen and Landmen to Repair on Board the respective Ships on which they shall so Enter themselves, or to which they shall Belong, within the Time limited by such Certificates or Tickets, on Pain of Our Highest Displeasure. And We are also Graciously Pleased to Declare, That Conduct-Money, according to the Practice of the Navy, shall be allowed to all such Seamen and Landmen so Voluntarily Entring themselves on Board, according to the true meaning of this Our Royal Proclamation. And for Preventing of any Deceits or Abuses which may happen by any Person or Persons leaving the Ships to which they belong, and Entring him or themselves on Board any other of Our Ships, as aforesaid, in order to Obtain the Bounty-Money herein before Granted, We do hereby likewise Direct, Declare and Command, That such Seamen and Landmen belonging to any of Our Ships or Vessels whatsoever, as shall Absent themselves from any of the Ships or Vessels to which they shall belong, and shall Enter themselves on Board any other of Our Ships, in Order to Obtain the said Bounty-Money, shall not only lose the Wages due to them in the Ships they shall so leave, but also be Severely punished according to their Demerits. And We do hereby further Declare, That if such Men in Our Service, who are or shall be Permitted to be Absent by such Tickets, as aforesaid, do not Repair on Board their respective Ships by the Time allowed by such Tickets, they shall not only be liable to be Impressed, but to suffer such further Punishment as by Law may be inflicted on them for such their Neglect. And We do hereby Require all Our Justices of the Peace, and other Magistrates, and also all Our Captains of Our Ships, and others, who shall be Imployed in Impressing Men for Our Fleet, That they take particular Care not to Take up, Impress or Entertain any very Old Men, Boys, or others, who, by reason of Infirmity or otherwise, are not fitly Qualified for Our Service in Our Royal Navy, for that none such shall be received by the Officers of Our Fleet into Our Service. And whereas it has been often found, that in time of War, great Numbers of Seamen, and also of Watermen, Bargemen and Lightermen fit for Our Sea Service, have left the usual Places of their Abode, and have removed themselves into Private and Obscure Places, endeavouring thereby to avoid the Publick Service, when there is the greatest Occasion for them; We do hereby Require and Command all Our Justices of the Peace, Constables and other Officers, That they not only give all necessary Assistance to Our Officers Imployed in Impressing, as aforesaid; but that they do Use their utmost Endeavours to Discover, Secure, Send and Deliver to the Commissioners of Our Navy, at some near Sea-Port Town, or to such other Person as shall be appointed to receive them, all such Seamen, Watermen, Bargemen and Lightermen, fit for Our Service, as shall so Abscond, after the said Tenth Day of February next, in order to their being put on Board Our Fleet, in Our Service; and that of what they shall do therein, they from time to time send an Accont to the Commissioners of Our Navy. And We do hereby direct the respective Officers of Our Fleet, who shall receive such Seamen, to give Receipts for them, therein expressing the Names of such Seamen, and on Board what Ship or Vessel, and the time when, and the Place where they are Received. And the Commissioners of Our Navy are hereby Directed, upon Producing (at any Port where there are Officers immediately under their Directions) the said Receipts, to Pay to the Person producing the same, Twenty Shillings for each Seamen, and Six pence per Man for each Mile he shall be brought, if under Twenty Miles, and Ten Shillings for each Seamen that shall be brought above Twenty Miles, over and besides the said Twenty Shillings. And We do hereby declare, That no Protection of any Men in any Ships or or Vessels Imployed in the River or on the Coast, by the Commissioners of Our Navy, Ordnance, Victualling, Customs or Transportation, shall be in Force for more than Six Months from the Date thereof, except such as shall be Signed by Our Lord High Admiral, or, in His Absence, by His Council. And We do further Direct, That in all Protections the Persons be not only Named, but Described by their Place of Residence and Imployment, and Service for which they are protected. And We do hereby Require and Command Our Commissioners of Our Navy, Ordnance, Victualling, Customs and Transportation, That they do not Protect more Men than their Service absolutely Requires, and to Renew all their Protections within their Reach by the End of the said Time limited for Bounty Money, and to Revoke all Protections by them or any of them Granted respectively, so soon as the Service is over, for which the same respectively were or shall be Granted.

Given at Our Court at St. *James's*, the 18th Day of *December*, 1705. In the Fourth Year of Our Reign.

GOD save the QUEEN.

By the QUEEN,

A PROCLAMATION.

ANNE R.

WHereas of late several Persons endeavouring to Foment Animosities, and to Cover Designs, which they dare not publickly own, have Falsly, Seditiously, and Maliciously Suggested the Church of England, as by Law Established, to be in Danger at this time, whereof We thought fit to take Notice in Our Speech made at the Opening of this Parliament: And whereas the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in Parliament Assembled, have by their Humble Address Represented to Us, That having taken into Consideration Our said most Gracious Speech, they had, upon Mature Deliberation, come to a Resolution, which they laid before Us, Assuring Us, That as We had been Pleased to Express a just Indignation against all such Wicked Persons, they will be also always Ready, to the utmost of their Power, to Assist Us in Discountenancing and Defeating their Practices, Humbly beseeching Us to take Effectual Measures for the making the said Resolution Publick, and also for Punishing the Authors and Spreaders of these Seditious and Scandalous Reports, to the end that all others may for the future be deterred from Endeavouring to Distract the Kingdom with such Unreasonable and Groundless Distrusts and Jealousies: We therefore at the said Humble Request of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in Parliament Assembled, do by this Our Royal Proclamation make Publick the said Resolution, which follows in these Words:

Resolved, By the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in Parliament Assembled, That the Church of *England*, as by Law Established, which was Rescued from the Extremest Danger by King *William* the Third, of Glorious Memory, Is now by God's Blessing under the Happy Reign of Her Majesty, in a most Safe and Flourishing Condition; And that whosoever goes about to Suggest and Insinuate, That the Church is in Danger under Her Majesties Administration, Is an Enemy to the Queen, the Church, and Kingdom.

And We do hereby, by the Advice of Our Privy-Council, Declare, That We will proceed with the utmost Severity the Law will allow of, against the Authors or Spreaders of the said Seditious and Scandalous Reports. And We do hereby Strictly Charge and Command all and singular Our Judges, Justices of the Peace, Sheriffs, Mayors, Bayliffs, and all other Our Ministers whatsoever, to take Effectual Care for the speedy Apprehension, Prosecution and Punishment of all such Persons who have or shall at any time hereafter Offend herein. And We do hereby further Require and Command all Our Loving Subjects whatsoever, to Discover and Apprehend all and every Person and Persons whatsoever Offending, as aforesaid, to the End they may be dealt with and proceeded against according to Law. And whereas the said Seditious and Scandalous Reports have been greatly promoted and spread by the Printing and Publishing of a Malicious and Seditious Libel, Intituled, The Memorial of the Church of *England*, humbly Offered to the Consideration of all true Lovers of Our Church and Constitution: And whereas David Edwards, of the Parish of St. Dunstans in the West, London, *Printer*, is Charged on Oath to be the Printer and Publisher of the said Libel, and is now under Prosecution for the same, and on that Account absconds from Justice, and the Author or Authors of the said Libel is, or are not yet Discovered, We do hereby further Require and Command all Our Loving Subjects whatsoever, to Discover and Apprehend the said David Edwards, and the Author or Authors of the said Libel, to the end they may be dealt withal and proceeded against according to Law. And We do hereby Promise and Declare, That whosoever shall Discover the Author or Authors of the said Libel, so as he or they may be brought to Justice, shall have and receive, as a Reward for such Discovery, the Sum of Two hundred Pounds: And that whosoever shall Apprehend the said David Edwards, so as he may be brought to Justice for his Offence, as aforesaid, shall have and receive, as a Reward for such Discovery, the Sum of Fifty Pounds; Which said respective Sums of Two hundred, and Fifty Pounds, Our High Treasurer is hereby Directed and Required to Pay accordingly. And We do hereby further Promise and Declare, That if the said Printer, or any other Person, (other than the Author or Authors of the said Libel) who was

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any way Privy to, or Inſtrumental in the Printing or Diſperſing the ſaid Libel, ſhall Diſcover the Author or Authors thereof ſo as that he or they may be brought to Juſtice, the Perſon making ſuch Diſcovery of the ſaid Author or Authors, ſhall not only have the ſaid Sum of Two hundred Pounds, as aforeſaid, but alſo Our Gracious Pardon for his ſaid Offence. And We do hereby ſtrictly Charge and Command all Our Loving Subjects, as they will anſwer the contrary at their Perils, That they do not any ways Conceal, but do their utmoſt Endeavours to Diſcover and Apprehend the ſaid David Edwards, *and the Author or Authors of the ſaid Libel, to the end they may be proceeded againſt with the utmoſt Severity according to Law.*

Given at Our Court at *St. James's*, the Twentieth Day of *December*, 1705. In the Fourth Year of Our Reign.

GOD Save the QUEEN.

Florence, Dec. 5. *N. S.* Letters from Leghorn, which came in yeſterday, give an Account, That about 3 days ago an Engliſh Merchant-man of 26 Guns, and 70 Men, met in theſe Seas a French Privateer of 34 Guns and 236 Men, and fought her 5 hours: The Engliſh Ship was Boarded ſeveral times by the Enemy, but all their Men who entered her were killed except 9, that were taken Priſoners; And the Privateer's Foremaſt being ſhot down by the Board, ſhe had certainly been taken if another French Privateer of like Force had not come in to her Aſſiſtance, with whom the Engliſh Merchant-man exchanged three Broadſides, and then made into the next Port, which was that of Corſica, to refit, having in this Engagement had 5 Men killed and 17 wounded: About 50 of the French were killed, and a great many wounded.

Venice, December 12. Letters from Lonato of the Fourth Inſtant give an Account, That Prince Eugene having Advice that the Enemy were marching towards this Place, he decamped the 28th paſt from Montechiaro, marched to Lonato, and prevented the Enemy's poſſeſſing themſelves of that Poſt, which is of great Importance for the preſerving of his Communication with Germany. The French are encamped within a ſmall diſtance of him. Prince Hercolani, the Emperor's Ambaſſador to this Republick, is lately arrived here from Vienna. Letters from Turin of the 2d Inſtant ſay, That Colonel Hamilton was arrived there from Barcelona, with Letters from the King of Spain to the Duke of Savoy, giving an Account of his Majeſty's Glorious Succeſſes in Catalonia. The Dutcheſs of Savoy was ſafely delivered of a Prince the firſt Inſtant. They write from Nice of the 26th paſt, That the Gariſon of that Place had made another ſucceſsful Salley, wherein they ruined the Enemy's Works, and killed a great many of their Men.

Grodno, Dec. 5. On the firſt Inſtant ſeveral Deputies arrived here from the Forces of the Crown, to Compliment the King on his happy Return from Saxony. The Czar will be going from hence in 2 or 3 days towards Moſcow.

Vienna, Dec. 12. A Courier arrived here Yeſterday, with Letters from the King of Spain to the Emperor, dated at Barcelona the 6th of the laſt Month, giving an Account, That his Catholick Majeſty was then ready to make his publick Entry into that City, and to receive the Homage of the States of Catalonia, that whole Province (the Town of Roſes excepted) being reduced to his Obedience. Theſe Letters add, That on the 29th of October the Earl of Peterborow took a Review of the Engliſh and Dutch Forces there; and it apeared, that not above 130 of them had been killed during the whole Siege of Barcelona. Count Guido of Staremberg, who commands the Imperial Forces in Piedmont, is arrived here from thence: He has been to wait upon his Imperial Majeſty, and was very graciouſly received.

Francfort, December 20. Two Imperial Regiments are marched from theſe Parts towards Bavaria, and Four more are to follow. The Pruſſian Horſe, which are returning from Italy, have Winter-Quarters aſſigned them in that Electorate; and it is hoped, that the arrival of theſe Troops will ſoon put a Stop to the Inſurrection in thoſe Parts. They write from Haguenau, That the Enemy's Troops on that ſide had been in Motion, with intent, as was believed, to endeavour to bring a Supply into Fort Louis, which is in a manner blocked up by our Forces poſted in the Neighbourhood of that Place; but upon Advice of the good Diſpoſitions made for the preventing of any ſuch Deſign, they have thought fit to lay it aſide. A great part of their Troops have taken Winter-Quarters in Lorrain, for the better ſecuring of which they are Fortifying the Town of Biſche, which is look'd upon as an Infraction of the Neutrality they had conſented the Duke of Lorrain ſhould obſerve between the ſeveral Powers engaged in the preſent War.

Hague, Dec. 25. *N. S.* The Duke of Marlborough continues his frequent Conferences with the Deputies of the States General. His Grace intends to embark for England as ſoon as his Convoy arrives from thence provided the Wind be fair. The States of Holland and Weſtfriſeland Adjourned yeſterday till after the Holidays. The Letters from France, which came in this day, bring no manner of News. Levies are making every where for the Recruiting of our Troops, the Officers being ordered to have their Regiments compleat by February next.

Corke, Dec 10. Her Majeſty's Ship the Arundel, Captain Dering Commander, arrived here the 8th Inſtant, with two Tranſport-Ships, after a violent Storm, which had diſperſt ſeveral other Tranſport-Ships that were under his Convoy; but they are all ſince come ſafe into this Port, and into Kinſale.

Dartmouth, Dec. 18. Two Dutch Men of War, with two Tranſport-Ships from Barcelona, put into Torbay this morning, having been ſeparated in bad Weather from Admiral Allemonde's Squadron, which is now at Spithead. The Agnes of this Place was alſo forced into Torbay, laden with Salt, from Jerſey: The Maſter of which Ship reports, That the Privateers belonging to that Iſland have of late taken many French Prizes.

Briſtol, Dec. 19. This day arrived here the Lucretia of Corke, Joſeph Richards Maſter, from Jamaica, but laſt from Ireland.

Yarmouth, Dec. 21. Several of the homeward-bound Eaſt-Country and Hamburgh Fleets, with ſome of their Convoys, are put back into our Road by contrary Winds and bad Weather.

St. James's, December 20. Her Majeſty has received the following Letter from the City of *Barcelona*.

Sacred and Royal Majeſty,

THE *City of* Barcelona *having gained great Advantages, both by the Happy Arrival of our moſt beloved King and Lord,* Charles III. *(whom* GOD *preſerve) and by their being under his eaſie and lawful Dominion; they acknowledge that they owe this their unexpreſſible good Fortune to the generous Protection of Your Majeſty, and the whole* Engliſh *Nation, and to the Aſſiſtance of Your great and powerful Fleet, and Your brave and valiant Troops, under the Direction of the Earl of* Peterborow, *Your General and Commander in Chief, to whoſe Conduct and Skill in Military Affairs may be attributed theſe Glorious Progreſſes, being ſeconded by the Regularity and good Diſcipline of Your Troops: (Virtues ever worthy of being eternally fixed in the*

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